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Drafting Textile Fibers (As Herein)
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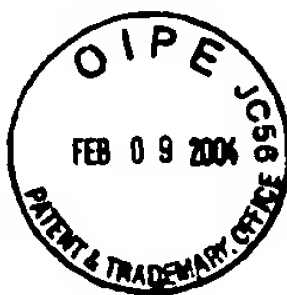
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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	16	21	= 0	X \$18 =	\$.00
Independent Claims	1	3	= 0	x \$86 =	\$.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)					\$.00
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